(c) The number of foreigners who were deported from India during the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 are 6,394, 20,768 and 39,189 respectively.

Terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir and North-East

1572. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a perceptible decline in terrorist activities and infiltration in the country particularly in Jammu and Kashmir and the North East;

(b) if so, the details of such terrorist activities and infiltration took place during the last two months;

(c) the action taken by Government so far towards the incidents; and

(d) the steps taken/to be taken by Government, in future, to prevent such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) During the current year till the end of October, there has been a definite decrease in terms of the number of incidents of terrorist violence, civilians and security forces killed in J&K. While there has been a marginal increase in terrorist activities in the North-East, civilians and security forces killed there have shown a decline till the end of October this year as compared to the corresponding period of 2004.

In J&K, during the months of September and October, 2005, there were 168 and 153 terrorist incidents and the number of infiltrators was 24 and 6 (six) respectively. In the North Eastern States, there were 84 and 141 incidents of violence during September and October, 2005 respectively.

(c) and (d) The strategy of the Government is to deal with the menace of terrorism in a holistic manner on political, development and security fronts. In order to curb terrorist activities, the Government has taken measures which include strengthening of border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, ensuring improved technology, weaponry and equipment for security forces both at the Centre and in the States, neutralizing plans of terrorist/anti-national elements by well coordinated intelligence based operations. Besides, steps have also been taken to achieve bilateral/multi-lateral cooperation to deal with the menace of terrorism, given its global dimensions.